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**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT**

January 31, 2020

Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Ten-Year Rate System Review, Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

As many have and will continue to share, U.S. Postal Service postage rates are inextricably linked to the ability of non-profit organizations to meet the needs and challenges of those they serve. I write to briefly discuss how the Postal Regulatory Commission’s proposed rule to amend the system for regulating market dominant postal rates will have an immediate, direct, and negative impact on Wounded Warrior Project’s (WWP) mission to honor and empower post-9/11 veterans, Service members, and their families and caregivers who have served and sacrificed for our nation.

Wounded Warrior Project delivers on its mission by offering more than a dozen free direct programs and services that promote physical, mental, and financial health and well-being to over 138,000 warriors and 35,000 family support members. Our advocacy before Congress in 2019 helped change laws that will positively impact more than 4,000,000 veterans with a service-connected disability. Additionally, since 2012, WWP has provided grants to more than 170 organizations that have helped us fill critical gaps where government programs leave off.

Wounded Warrior Project does not receive any public funding and we rely instead on the generosity of a grateful nation – generosity often solicited through direct mail. Fewer solicitations to existing and potential donors lowers our ability to raise funds, and fewer funds reduces our spending on our life-changing programs, advocacy, and investments in other organizations that are bringing positive change to the communities we collectively serve.

Since the Postal Regulatory Commission first began its ten-year review of postal rates in 2016, WWP has registered more than 40,000 warriors who have sought our assistance. As needs continue to grow, it is imperative that we keep direct mail costs to a minimum and maximize our efforts to connect, serve, and empower the population we serve.

To support this goal, WWP respectfully requests that the Commission recommend continuation of the current system of predictable, stable, and modest price increases that are capped by inflation.

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I want to thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Brian Dempsey, Director for Government Affairs, who can be reached via email at [BDempsey@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:BDempsey@woundedwarriorproject.org) or at (202) 644-9150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Linnington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lt. Gen. Michael S. Linnington (Ret.)  
Chief Executive Officer